

Army Hospitals Are Closing Up

(By Associated Press.)

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 23.—The closing here recently of three of the largest military hospitals is an indication of how far removed Bulgaria is from the European war. The Saloniki front has been quiet for weeks and the attack on Avlona is a matter concerning only the Austro-Hungarians. The Bulgarian army is resting on its arms. In a few days several other hospitals will be closed.

Nevertheless the Bulgarian government is calling to the colors the young men due to serve in the army. A great deal of reorganization is in progress, co-operation with the German and Austro-Hungarian troops having resulted in many a good lesson to the Bulgarian officers and general staff.

Saloniki is held by the entente troops simply for the reason that an evacuation would mean more loss of prestige. Such is the opinion here. The English and French have entrenched themselves well, but driving them back within the protection of the works defending the port would be a very easy matter, say Bulgarian officers. In political circles it is pointed out that Bulgaria is not interested in driving the allies out of Saloniki, at least for the present. That phase of the Balkan war concerns but Greece, it is argued. Aspects would be different in case the allied troops set foot upon Macedonian soil.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF HEART BEATS OF BRITISH ARMY RECRUITS

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, May 23.—Photographs of the heart beats of recruits for the British army now form part of a new physical examination adopted by the military authorities. These are being made in a London hospital where men whose hearts vary in the least from normal are put through a series of tests by some of the greatest specialists in heart complaints in England. The new method is said to obviate the danger of accepting as recruits men whose hearts are not sound enough to stand the rigors of soldiery.

"Please run up those stairs to the roof and back," the recruit is told by one of the medical examiners.

On his return to the ground floor his pulse rate, breathing rate, and blood

pressure are taken and compared with the pulse rate, etc., obtained before the candidate went stair climbing. After a rest of three minutes the pulse and blood pressure are again measured.

The knowledge of the general condition of the heart obtained by these and the other routine methods of heart examinations is not enough, however, and the candidate is next taken into the electro-cardiograph room. Here he sits with one bare foot and his two hands in separate basins of water. Wires lead from the basins to a complicated electrical apparatus, which, in a word, photographs on a moving sensitized film the electrical currents generated by the different chambers of the heart in beating.

PLACING SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ON FARMS IN OVERSEAS DOMINION

(By Associated Press.)

HOBART, Australia, May 23.—Sir Rider Haggard, the British novelist and authority on land settlement, who recently dispatched from England to inquire into the placing of British soldiers and sailors on farms in the Overseas dominions after the war, has arrived here and taken up the project with the government, press and people of Australia. Sir Rider found that a number of schemes for the return of soldiers to the land were already being considered here, one of the latest being to furnish such men with farms in the federal capital area at Canberra, having them in return pledge themselves to serve the country as a defense force in case of need, or in other words, to form the nucleus of a national guard.

In his speeches here Sir Rider has asked how it will be possible to hold the British empire together if every possible step is not taken to ensure an increase of its white population. "Today the empire covers fully one

fourth of the entire globe," he said, "and it is held by about 60,000,000 white people, of whom about 40,000,000 dwell in the United Kingdom. It is just all that we can do to hold the empire with that population of white people. With that population decreased I doubt if we could hold it. It seems to me therefore that each component part of the empire should take every possible step to ensure an increase of its white population if we want to feel safe in the coming times."

WILL INSTALL FLOTATION PROCESS AT CHERRY CREEK

Downer brothers, of Goldfield, have recently taken over the dump at the Star mine, north of Cherry Creek, and are preparing to install the flotation process to work the tailings.—Elly Record.

Compared with the term of a president of the Irish republic, that of a chief executive of Mexico is stable government.—New York World.

Value of Helmet At British Front

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, May 23.—The value of the helmets which are now being supplied to the British troops at the front is indicated in an article in the current issue of the British Medical Journal which says that in a big fight where the Britishers were wearing the new helmets the number of penetrating gunshot wounds of the head was equal to less than one-half per cent and the total number of fractures of the skull was under one per cent of all injuries. Head wounds have been cut down, upon the experience of recent wars, as accounting for fifteen per cent of all casualties, and the latest data shows that, in trench fights at least, the percentage is as high as 25.

"The British helmet," the Journal explains, "protects the side and back of the neck and the temples and the upper part of the face as well, of course, as the top and sides of the head. It has also a smooth round top. It stands away from the head about one third of an inch all around, the weight being borne by a padded leather band fixed to the inner side of the surrounding steel by series of india rubber buffers, each about the thickness of a lead pencil, and about one inch long. This detail of construction constitutes perhaps the most important difference between the British and French helmets. The buffers are capable of diffusing and neutralizing the force of a blow, which, falling on the closely fitted French helmet, would be conducted direct to the brain-pan."

CRIME INCREASE CAUSE OF ALARM

POVERTY AND WAR HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WAYWARDNESS OF JUVENILES

(By Associated Press.)

VIENNA, May 23.—Alarmed at the increase in juvenile crime and the deplorable condition of so many thousands of children, the Austrian Red Cross is organizing a special fund for the care and relief of the young.

It is difficult to tell just how greatly juvenile crime is on the increase throughout the country but the Vienna police report a sad state of things in the capital. In the suburb of Hietzing bordering on the imperial castle of Schoenbrunn where the emperor has been in residence throughout the

war, the number of juvenile offenses rose to 1,090 in the first twelve months of the war, as compared with 650 in the previous corresponding twelve months.

The Red Cross officers believe that many of these evils arise from poverty and other causes.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

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